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TO AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA

AMCONSUL MAZATLAN

AMCONSUL MERIDA

INFO AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ

AMCONSUL HERMOSILLO

AMCONSUL MATAMOROS

AMCONSUL MONTERREY

AMCONSUL NUEVO LAREDO

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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS

1. U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF CONSULATE FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS. STUDY INCLUDES REVIEW OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS AT EMBASSIES AND FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AT CONSTITUENT POSTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING MEXICO. THE GAO TEAM CONDUCTING THE SURVEY OF MEXICO ARRIVED JULY 12 AND EXPECT TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY UNTIL AUGUST 20. THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE: MR. DAVID R. WARREN, OF THE WASHINGTON GAO STAFF AND MR. KEITH SUTTON AND MISS NATALIE HURLBRINK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH OFFICE OF GAO AT PANAMA. ALL HAVE TOP-SECRET CLEARANCES.

2. THE CONSTITUENT POSTS SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN MEXICO ARE GUADALAJARA, MAZATLAN, AND MERIDA. THE EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED CIUDAD JUAREZ AND MONTERREY OF THEIR TENTATIVE SELECTION AS POSTS TO BE REVIEWED, BUT THE GAO TEAM HAVE NO PLANS AT PRESENT TO VISIT THESE POSTS. THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOLLOWING SCHEDULE HAS BEEN WORKED OUT FOR THE VISITS TO

CONSTITUENT POSTS:

A. MERIDA (MR. SUTTON AND MISS HURLBRINK) JULY 23-AUG. 2.
ETA FRIDAY JULY 23 11:15 AM, FLT. MEX. 303.
ETD MONDAY AUGUST 2 10:10 AM, FLT. MEX. 604.

B. MAZATLAN (MR. WARREN) JULY 26-AUG 3.

ETA MONDAY, JULY 26, 9:20 AM, FLT. MEX. '916.
ETD TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 3:05 PM, FLT. NEX. 911,

C. GUADALAJARA (ALL) AUG. 2 - AUG. 13,
ETA JKSUTTON AND URLBRINK) MONDAY AUG. 2, 1:45 PM, FLT, NEXNOPAM#
ETA (WARREN)(TUESDAY, AUG. 3, 7:20 PM, FLT. MEX. 924.
ETD TO BE ARRANGED.

REQUEST ADDRESSEE POSTS ARRANGE TO MEET ON ARRIVAL AND ARRANGE
HOTEL RESERVATIONS (SINGLE ROOMS).

3. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, GAO REPRESENTATIVES HERE HAVE
IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING GENERAL AREAS TO BE INCLUDED IN REVIEW

A. NEED AND JUSTIFICATION FOR CONSTITUENT POSTS.

B. MANAGEMENT OF CONSULAR FUNCTION, INCLUDING
(1) PREPARATION OF CONSULAR PACKAGE.
(2) SERVICES FOR U.S. CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN PRISONERS.
(3) MANAGEMENT OF CONSULAR CONE.
(4) MANAGEMENT CONTROL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING CONTROL OF
OF VISA FEES, VISA SCREENING PROCEDURES.

C. TREATIES, PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS RELATING TO
CONSULAR FUNCTION AND CONSULAR POSTS.

D. NON-CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AT CONSULAR POSTS.

4. GAO TEAM HAVE REQUESTED BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO ASSIST
THEIR REVIEW. EMBASSY IS ABLE TO PROVIDE MOST OF MATERIAL
REQUESTED, BUT REQUESTS ACTION POSTS PREPARE FOLLOWING
MATERIAL TO BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL.
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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (POST HISTORY) INCLUDING
JUSTIFICATION FOR POST (BACKGROUND MATERIAL

PREPARED FOR 1975 INSPECTION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED BY
EMBASSY).

2. SEMI-ANNUAL BREAKDOWN FOR PERIOD 10-1-75 THROUGH

3-31-76 FOR WORKLOAD AND MANHOUR STATISTICS
PROVIDED ON ANNUAL BASIS IN MOST RECENT CONSULAR
PACKAGE. (IMMIGRANT VISAS, ITEMS 1-1-; NON-
IMMIGRANT VISAS, ITEMS 21-37; SPECIAL CONSULAR
SERVICES, ITEMS 46-62, AND CITIZENSHIP AND
PASSPORTS, ITEMS 69-89.

3. MOST RECENT MONTHLY LIST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS.

5. REQUEST FULL COOPERATION ACTION POSTS WITH GAO
REPRESENTATIVES IN ASSISTING WITH THEIR REVIEW. DEPARTMENT'S
CABLE AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO REVIEW BEING POUCHED.
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